

Section Seven

How the State, consistent with HAVA, will maintain expenditures of the State for activities funded by the payments at a level equal to or greater than the level of such expenditure in State FY 2000.

In New Jersey, the bulk of fiscal responsibility for the conduct of general and primary elections falls upon the counties. Each county pays for its voting equipment, ballot printing, administrative election offices, and a portion of the district board workers' salary. Election expenses at the State level are primarily related to the State Division of Elections, which is housed in the Department of Law and Public Safety. In light of this State/county allocation of fiscal responsibilities relating to elections, in order to satisfy the mandate of HAVA that no state appropriation for elections be less than the amount expended for fiscal year 2000, all counties and the State must maintain at a minimum the level of operating expenses for elections that was incurred in fiscal year 2000, in addition to any federal funding received.

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